



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 1150***

*January Session, 2003*

***AN ACT CONCERNING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR LONG-TERM ACUTE CARE GENERAL HOSPITALS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Office of Health  
2       Care Access, in consultation with the Departments of Public Health  
3       and Social Services, may authorize up to four demonstration projects  
4       permitting a licensed nonprofit chronic disease hospital and a licensed  
5       short-term acute care general hospital or children's hospital to partner  
6       in the creation of a distinct, long-term acute care hospital within a  
7       licensed short-term acute care general hospital or children's hospital in  
8       order to study the quality of service, patient outcomes and the cost-  
9       effectiveness of long-term acute care hospitals. Such demonstration  
10      project shall be designed to serve a population of persons who require  
11      long-term hospitalization in an acute care setting.

12      (b) On or before January 1, 2005, any hospital licensed as a short-  
13      term acute care general hospital or a children's hospital, together with  
14      the licensed nonprofit chronic disease hospital to be responsible for  
15      operating the long-term acute care hospital, may apply for a certificate  
16      of need from the office to establish a demonstration project. Each  
17      demonstration project authorized by the office pursuant to this section  
18      shall collect and report on data concerning the demonstration project's  
19      cost-effectiveness and impact on the quality of service and patient  
20      outcomes. Such data shall include (1) length of stay, (2) number of

21 intensive care days per patient, (3) cost of stay, (4) type of discharge,  
 22 and (5) any other data requested by the Commissioner of Health Care  
 23 Access. Such data shall be reported in the manner prescribed by such  
 24 commissioner.

25 (c) The Department of Public Health shall license long-term acute  
 26 care hospitals established pursuant to this section as separate  
 27 institutions, notwithstanding their location within an institution  
 28 licensed as a short-term acute care general hospital or children's  
 29 hospital. The long-term acute care hospital shall comply with the  
 30 short-term acute care general hospital regulatory requirements as set  
 31 forth in sections 19-13-D3 or 19-13-D4a of the Public Health Code,  
 32 except that such department may waive any of said requirements if the  
 33 department determines that such requirements are not applicable to  
 34 the operation of a long-term acute care hospital. If it is in the best  
 35 interest of the patients' health, safety and welfare, the department may  
 36 adopt additional regulations, in accordance with the provisions of  
 37 chapter 54 of the general statutes, regarding long-term acute care  
 38 hospitals. Each long-term acute care hospital licensed in accordance  
 39 with this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 368v  
 40 of the general statutes.

41 (d) Not later than January 1, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access,  
 42 in consultation with the Departments of Public Health and Social  
 43 Services, shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
 44 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
 45 having cognizance of matters relating to public health and human  
 46 services concerning recommendations regarding long-term acute care  
 47 hospitals within short-term acute care hospitals or children's hospitals.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**PH** Joint Favorable Subst.